

Table 32. Trends in Drug-Related Emergency Room Episodes and Selected Drug Mentions, 1988–99

| Year | Emergency room episodes and drug mentions |                     |                        |                       |                          |
|------|---|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
|      | Total drug episodes                       | Total drug mentions | Total cocaine mentions | Total heroin mentions | Total marijuana mentions |
| 1988 | 403,578                                   | 668,153             | 101,578                | 38,063                | 19,962                   |
| 1989 | 425,904                                   | 713,392             | 110,013                | 41,656                | 20,703                   |
| 1990 | 371,208                                   | 635,460             | 80,355                 | 33,884                | 15,706                   |
| 1991 | 393,968                                   | 674,861             | 101,189                | 35,898                | 16,251                   |
| 1992 | 433,493                                   | 751,731             | 119,843                | 48,003                | 23,997                   |
| 1993 | 460,910                                   | 796,762             | 123,423                | 63,232                | 28,873                   |
| 1994 | 518,521                                   | 900,317             | 142,878                | 64,013                | 40,183                   |
| 1995 | 513,633                                   | 901,206             | 135,801                | 70,838                | 45,271                   |
| 1996 | 514,347                                   | 907,561             | 152,433                | 73,846                | 53,789                   |
| 1997 | 527,058                                   | 943,937             | 161,087                | 72,010                | 64,744                   |
| 1998 | 542,544                                   | 982,856             | 172,014                | 77,645                | 76,870                   |
| 1999 | 554,932                                   | 1,015,206           | 168,763                | 84,409                | 87,150                   |

Source: *Drug Abuse Warning Network*, National Institute on Drug Abuse (1988–91) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (1992–99).